





ALLIANCE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE MICHIGAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION AND

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CENTER FOR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND

SAFETY ENGINEERING

The Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) and University of Michigan Center for Occupational Health and Safety Engineering (COHSE) recognize the value of continuing the collaborative relationship to foster safer and more healthful Michigan workplaces. To that end, MIOSHA and the University of Michigan COHSE hereby renew the alliance to provide University of Michigan COHSE members and others with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help them protect the health and safety of workers by reducing and preventing exposure to workplace health and safety hazards by developing resources, promoting access to training, and providing an understanding of the rights and responsibilities for workers and employers under the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act. In continuing this alliance, MIOSHA and University of Michigan COHSE recognize that MIOSHA's Consultation Education and Training (CET) Division is an integral part of this effort.

Raising Awareness: Outreach and Communication

The participants intend to work together to achieve the following goals related to raising awareness:

- To share information on OSHA's National Emphasis Programs, State Emphasis Programs, Outreach, opportunities to participate in initiatives, and the rulemaking process.
- To share information on occupational safety and health laws and standards, including the rights and responsibilities of workers and employers.
- To convene or participate in forums, roundtable discussions, or stakeholder meetings on ergonomics to help forge innovative solutions in the workplace or to provide input on safety and health issues.

- To encourage worker participation in workplace safety and health through the promotion of University of Michigan COHSE workplace safety and health related trainings.
- To develop information on the recognition and prevention of workplace hazards, and develop ways of communicating such information (e.g., print, and electronic media, electronic assistance tools, and MIOSHA's and the University of Michigan COHSE websites) to employers and workers in the industry.
- To speak, exhibit, or appear at MIOSHA's or University of Michigan COHSE conferences, local meetings, or other University of Michigan COHSE events.
- To share information among MIOSHA personnel and industry safety and health professionals regarding University of Michigan COHSE good practices or effective approaches through training programs, workshops, seminars, and lectures (or any other applicable forum) developed by the participants. The University of Michigan COHSE will share ideas associated with correcting ergonomic workplace hazards by inviting a MIOSHA CET consultant to accompany on a MIOSHA CET Grant funded consultation with a small employer.
- To work with other alliance participants on specific issues and projects on related to occupational safety and health issues that are addressed and developed through the Alliance Program.
- To develop and disseminate case studies on ergonomics and publicize their results.

Training and Education

The participants intend to work together to achieve the following training and education goal(s):

- To develop effective training and education programs for MIOSHA and University of Michigan COHSE regarding workplace safety and health hazards, and to communicate such information to constituent employers and workers. The University of Michigan COHSE will invite a MIOSHA CET consultant to attend two health and safety event offerings, during the three-year alliance renewal period.
- To develop effective training and education programs for Michigan employers and employees that promote understanding of workers' rights, including the use of the MIOSHA complaint process, the responsibilities of employers, and to communicate such information to workers and employers.

• To deliver or arrange for the delivery of effective ergonomics training and education programs for Michigan employers and employees, and promote the use of these courses.

MIOSHA's alliances provide parties an opportunity to participate in a voluntary cooperative relationship with MIOSHA for purposes such as raising awareness of MIOSHA's rulemaking and enforcement initiatives, training and education, and outreach and communication. These alliances have proved to be valuable tools for both MIOSHA and its alliance participants. By entering an alliance with a party, MIOSHA is not endorsing or promoting, nor does it intend to endorse or promote, any of that party's products or services.

An implementation team made up of representatives of each organization will meet to develop a plan of action, determine working procedures, and identify the roles and responsibilities of the participants. In addition, they will meet at least three times per year to track and share information on activities and results in achieving the goals of the alliance. MIOSHA team members may include representatives of the MIOSHA division that are a signatory to the alliance agreement.

The alliance agreement will remain in effect for three years from the date of signing. Either signatory may terminate it for any reason at any time, provided they give a 30-day written notice. This agreement may be modified at any time with the written concurrence of both signatories.

Signed this 14 day of June 2023.

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